

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 16 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1148-0-01 (ACCNO 1429) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: SAAVEDRA, ROBERT (NMN) Date Status assigned: 16 Apr 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	1,477
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	04	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	DARK
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	- DATA	Height	67 in / 1.70 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	DATA	Weight	170 lb / 77.0 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	ARIZONA	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QWF934086
Lat/Long: 180957N / 1055260E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: HA TINH
(formerly):
Mission District: CAM XUYEN
Mission Date: 28 Apr 1968 0253L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Remote area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 92, Aug 86
Investigations: Aug 92, Jun 93
Surveys: Jun 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (3) Unknown

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A4E	Serial: 151070
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: J52
Call Sign: WAR PAINT 303	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

27 January 1976

ON 28 APRIL 1968 LCDR ROBERT SAAVEDRA WAS THE PILOT AND FLIGHT LEADER IN AN A4E AIRCRAFT, (BUNO #151070 CALL SIGN WAR PAINT 303), OF A FLIGHT LAUNCHED FROM THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS KITTY HAWK ON A NIGHT ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. AFTER CROSSING THE COAST-IN POINT, THE FLIGHT TOOK UP AN IN-TRAIL FORMATION, AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE WINGMAN REPORTED HEARING LCDR SAAVEDRA CALL THAT HE WAS ATTACKING SOME TRUCKS. ABOUT 30 SECONDS LATER THE WINGMAN SAW A LARGE GROUND EXPLOSION IN THE VICINITY OF THE AREA WHERE THE FLIGHT LEADER WAS ATTACKING.

HE TRIED REPEATEDLY TO CALL HIM, BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. THE WINGMAN REMAINED IN THE AREA UNTIL HE HAD TO RETURN TO THE CARRIER FOR FUEL. HE REPORTED THE EXPLOSION AS HAVING BEEN IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) WF934 086. A SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED, BUT DUE TO THE FOG, NOTHING COULD BE SEEN. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. LCDR SAAVEDRA IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

27 January 1976

REFERENCES: <1> MEMO, SECNAV, SUMMARY OF INCIDENT, 11 FEB 74. <2> 230709Z SEP 92, CJTFFA DET ONE BKK TH. <3> CJTFFA DET ON BK TH 240354Z JUL 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

28 February 1986

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON ROBERT SAAVEDRA WAS PASSED DURING THE 13-16 AUG 86 JCRC/VNOSMIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

12 August 1992

CASE NARRATIVE 1148 WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE 30-31 JULY 1992 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING.

CASE: 1148 === JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

26 January 1993

ON 5 SEP 92, THE JOINT INVESTIGATIVE TEAM TRAVELLED TO CAM MY VILLAGE (WF983145), CAM XUYEN DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1148. THE TWO WITNESSES INTERVIEWED IN THE VILLAGE REPORTED THAT ONLY ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED THERE DURING THE WAR, A JET AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED DURING THE 4TH OR 5TH LUNAR MONTH OF 1968 IN THE MOC LEN AREA NEAR ROUTE 21. ONE WITNESS HEARD THE PILOT WAS RESCUED. THE SECOND WITNESS ACTUALLY SAW AN EMPTY RED PARACHUTE SUSPENDED IN A TREE. TEAM ANALYSTS CORRELATED THIS INCIDENT TO AN OPERATIONAL LOSS OF AN A4 AIRCRAFT ON 8 MAY 68. THE TEAM OBTAINED NO INFORMATION THAT COULD BE CORRELATED TO CASE 1148. (REF 2)

7 August 1993

ON 30 JUN 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED THIS CASE IN CAM MY VILLAGE, CAM XUYEN DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. IE2 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION POSSIBLY PERTAINING TO TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS, NEITHER OF WHICH CAN BE CORRELATED TO CASE 1148. A WEEK-LONG SEARCH BY ONE WITNESS AND VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS FOR THE WITNESS-REPORTED CRASH SITE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. DUE TO THE DENSE JUNGLE AND STEEP, MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN IN THE AREA, IE2 WAS UNABLE TO REACH THE REPORTED INCIDENT LOCATION FOR THIS CASE BY VEHICLE OR FOOT. THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY IN THE VICINITY OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION FOR CASE 1148 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. (REF 3)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1151-0-02 (ACCNO 1026)
Name: PIETSCH, ROBERT EDWARD

Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 8 Jun 1978

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	O3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	DATA	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	C235726
Birth date	24 Dec 1936	Weight	180 lb / 81.5 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	PENNSYLVANIA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QXD052724
Lat/Long: 165603N / 1055917E
Country: LAOS
Military Region: 3
Mission Province: SAVANNAKHET
(formerly): VIENTIANE
Mission District: VILIBOURI
Mission Date: 30 Apr 1968 2250L
Mission Category: 2
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jun 92, Aug 78
Investigations: Feb 93
Surveys: Feb 93
Excavations: Feb 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A26A	Serial: 17648
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: R280052W
Call Sign: NIMROD 34	1 Serial: P32110
Year: 64	2 Serial: P31983

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